

SENATOR DECAMP: Question.

PRESIDENT: Senator Lamb.

SENATOR LAMB: Mr. President and members, I also appreciated Jack Rodgers very much, especially during the time when I served as Chairman of the Executive Board. His guidance and his counsel was valued by me and by all the people serving on that board, as I know it has continued up until the present time. We will miss Jack and we wish him well in the future.

PRESIDENT: Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: On this last day of the 1986 session, we all tend to be just a little bit less critical and more emotional than we are during the other 59 days. It's too bad we can't have some of that same feeling, I am sure the Speaker would agree, throughout the other days of the session. But I couldn't help but think when Senator Warner rose to speak and referred to his 22 years of service that he was trying to be perhaps even more modest than Mr. Rodgers by discounting two of his years of service as perhaps not really being of a great amount of value to the state and I was beginning to wonder whether he was going to take the first two years off or the last two. And then, of course, when Senator Landis made reference to his service with Dr. Rodgers, few of us would disagree with his assessment of his own services there. But, in all seriousness, I think that Senator Warner speaks for all of us, as did Senator Landis. I have worked with Dr. Rodgers now for 18 years and I would just like to say that Dr. Rodgers probably epitomizes the spirit that was here to a great extent when I came and which I hope we have I think reversed a bit in this last session, one of decency and fair play and certainly I think the spirit that was epitomized early on when this Legislature was first organized as a Unicameral when Senator Warner's father was the first Speaker and that was that you did things up front and you never had to look for the hidden meaning behind any of Dr. Rodgers' explanations, whether it was bill referencing or his research or anything else that he did for you. It was straightforward and it was up front and it was honest and I would concur with everything that has been said and I, for one, I know will be very sorry to see Dr. Rodgers retire. He has been a real gentleman and a real contributor to state government in Nebraska. When the history books are written, there will be many of us that will not be mentioned in the Unicameral service,